

REMARKS

A requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 was set forth in the Official Action mailed October 4, 2004, in the above-identified patent application.

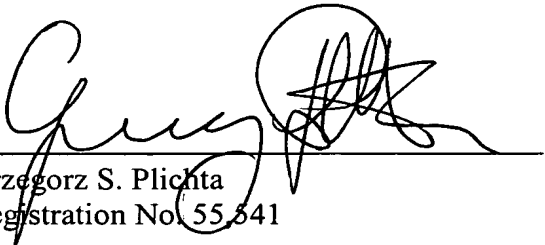
Claims 1-55 are pending. In the Restriction Requirement, claims 1-55 were restricted into the following two groups:

- I. Claims 1-14 and 32-55, drawn to a storage media, classified in class 369, subclass 275.4.
- II. Claims 15-31, drawn to a method for making a storage media, classified in class 369, subclass 120.

The basis for the restriction was that "the product as claimed can be made by another materially different process, not including a casting process" (Office Action p. 2).

Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of claims 1-14 and 32-55 for prosecution at this time. This election is made without traverse, and no representations are made by this election concerning the merits of the Restriction Requirement with respect to the possible existence of multiple distinct inventions among the originally present claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of all non-elected claims in one or more related applications. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending elected claims.

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